

## Community Assessment Program Area 44 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on November 21 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This area is north of Highway 99W and is bounded on the west by 72nd Avenue, on the north Ventura Drive, on the east by 65th Avenue and also on the east by the back side of properties along the west side of 66th Avenue.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – The walkers noted how well maintained the homes and yards were in this area!

**Addresses not visible** – There are many homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or [27047@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:27047@ci.tigard.or.us)

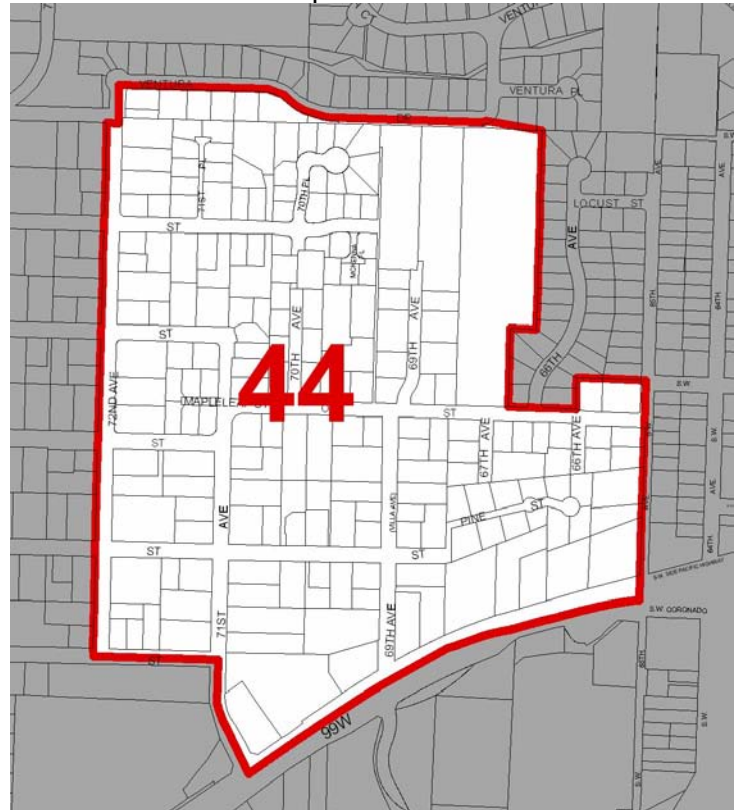
### **Vegetation blocking fire hydrants –**

There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or [sam@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:sam@ci.tigard.or.us)

Photo of area 44



Map of Area 44



**Clogged drainage ditches** – The Public Works Department will send a crew out to assess and clear out clogged drainage ditches where noted. Keeping the drainage ditches clear of debris is important to insure that rain water is directed where it is designed to go. You can help by not placing debris of any kind in drainage ditches. Questions? contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us)

**New sidewalks** – While new sidewalks are generally the responsibility of developers or property owners, there are a few roads in this area that are higher classifications than local streets. In these cases, the City may choose to allocate funds for sidewalks in the interest of the City as a whole. The Engineering Department has been asked to review and comment on potential timing and funding of road improvements. For more information, contact City Engineer Gus Duenas at 639-4171 ext 2470 or [gus@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:gus@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Basketball hoops in right-of-way** – We found a few instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks or in the street which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops appeared in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Signs without permits/located in the right of way** – Did you know that all signs, even temporary signs, require permits? We noted several temporary signs that did not have permits and some that did have permits but that were placed in the right of way. The right of way includes the sidewalk and the planter strip between the sidewalk and the street. To obtain a temporary sign permit and get more information on the allowed locations for signs, contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at [kristie@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:kristie@ci.tigard.or.us) or [cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us)

More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.